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Majority prices were unchanged in the West and steady, but prices for all other areas were higher under a fully steady to firm trade sentiment. Retail and food service interest was fair to good, best for ads, fast food promotions, and casual dining facilities. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared, frequently short of trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to tight of a seasonally active call. Breast items were well balanced to short and clearing well, and dark meat was sufficient and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/12/04-01/16/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Bos/New Eng	69.00-71.00	69.94	16	67.97
Chicago	60.00-63.00	63.49	38	64.85
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.01
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	70.65
Detroit	62.00-64.00	63.24	17	65.10
Los Angeles	74.00	72.92	62	71.05
New York	67.00-69.00	67.58	24	66.99
Philadelphia	66.00-69.00	67.08	12	64.76
Pittsburgh	67.00-69.00	67.42	12	67.37
St. Louis	63.00	62.53	27	61.59
San Francisco	74.50	74.14	33	77.04
	Composite Weighted Average			
Loads	01/12/04	Change/Last Wk	01/05/04	01/13/03
634	67.70	1.95	65.75	61.89

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	66.50-68.00	67.22	31
Central	62.00-70.00	67.61	68
West	63.00-70.00	67.09	36
	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent		
Mississippi	68.50-69.50	68.54	85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,009	60.00-74.00	68.24

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POU)
LINE RUN TENDERS	200.50	1,446
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	5,750
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,648
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	1,078
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,446
WINGS	108.50	3,035

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair to moderate at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes remained in very good balance and were clearing with premiums noted. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were closely balanced. Dark meat cuts were clearing well. Wings were short.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand following the weekend was fair to fairly good with best movement into fast food promotions and retail ads. Supplies were in good balance to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was active. Wings were moving seasonally well at higher levels, with supplies tight and hard to find. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared and moving, and dark meat was no more than adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were in fairly good balance to cover current needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on parts with wings in the strongest position. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 30.5-33.5 and 4/10s 32.5-38, breast bone-in 80-89 and boneless 140-150, wings 114-115. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 63.79 up 1.74 with the volume reported at 29 loads up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased 4 cents; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was fully steady to firm. Offerings continued light for the fair buyer interest. Movement into retail centers was mostly moderate, instances good. Food service demand was irregular, mostly fair; best into casual dining and fast food outlets. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were desirable. Parts trade was decent; good call on wings and fair on remaining parts. Supplies of wings were short, all other items were in balance. The market tone was firm on wings and fully steady with a firm undertone on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to fairly good following the weekend. Seller offerings were in close balance and well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 68 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, Most items were generally noted as well balanced to short.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	64-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	70.66
NO. OF BOXES	8,438

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was about fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and commanding premiums. Dark meat cuts were clearing well. Wings were short of full needs and priced accordingly. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on breast items and fully steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155		149.08	515,196
TENDERLOINS	145-150		148.80	84,780
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79		84.66	104,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	78		80.17	120,680
LEGS	40-41		40.92	304,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31		29.72	349,727
DRUMSTICKS	36-37		40.07	156,560
THIGHS	36-37		41.26	97,320
B/S THIGHS	85-86		91.78	82,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	107-108		110.30	165,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.04	26,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		33.08	13,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		69.47	29,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,338	128.00-194.00	140-147	144.89
TENDERLOINS	125	115.00-191.00	155	154.18
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	731	27.00-28.00	-	27.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,933	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.02
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,106	26.00-34.00	28-32	30.23

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/12	01/08	01/08	01/05	01/01
ALA	4,067	3,753	5.31	3,756	Holiday
ARK	5,104	5,022	4.95	5,351	(A)
DELMARVA	2,238	2,255	5.36	2,279	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	1,275	1,272	4.66	2,026	(A)
MISS	3,034	3,085	5.37	3,079	Holiday
NC	2,444	2,463	6.33	2,416	(A)
TEXAS	2,488	2,537	5.16	2,453	(A)
TOTAL	20,650	20,387	5.30	21,360	4.87
MON	20,650(B)			21,360(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Jan2004 is estimated to be 30,895,000 down 3.61 percent from a week ago and down 0.90 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,053,000 last year 31,175,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	865	140.00-226.00	144-150	146.48
TENDERLOINS	226	143.00-216.00	143-149	151.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	83.00-93.00	83-84	84.09
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	113	36.00-50.00	36-38	38.41
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	562	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,175	29.00-32.00	30-32	30.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	105.00-116.00	-	107.37
WINGS (CUT)	694	123.00-134.00	125-131	127.35
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 12, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.50 - 59.00	54.86	54.06

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF DEC 29-JAN 02, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	139.00 - 160.00	143.00 - 153.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.00 - 100.00	78.00 - 82.00
LEGS	34.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28.00 - 33.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	36.00 - 44.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	99.00 - 117.00	108.00 - 112.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 47.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	585-600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63

DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	101-103
DRY PACK	
CE PACK	99-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	89-105
ICE PACK	105
HENS OVER 5#	91
ICE PACK	89
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	152-175

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-JAN-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	15.50-16.00		13.50	1,284,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.79		13.50		
15-20%					
RANGE	15.50-19.00		12.00-13.50	1,628,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.67		12.84		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-		12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE			12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 12-JAN-04.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9.5	8.5-9	8.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-JAN-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		15.50	13.00-15.00	202,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.50	14.06		
15-20%					
RANGE		12.25-13.00	10.00-13.75	1,767,200	1,237,200
WTD AVERAGE		12.29	10.95		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JAN-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.75	8.5-9.5	8.85

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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